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SUBJECT: OSCE/FSC: GUIDANCE ON DRAFT DECISION FOR MEETING
TO REVIEW OSCE SA/LW DOCUMENT

REF: A. USOSCE 145

[1](#)B. MORIMOTO-WRIGHT EMAIL 06/23/09

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. See paragraph 2.

[1](#)2. (U) USDEL is authorized to join consensus on the FSC draft decision on an OSCE meeting to review the OSCE Document on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SA/LW) and its Supplementary Decisions (FSC.DD/4/09/Corr.1), per ref A. Washington requests that USDEL provide the following recommendations/comments, per ref B., during the working group on July 1:

-- Working Session II should be broadened to include "Brokering, Export, and Import Controls"

-- the third tic under Working Session II discussion topics should be amended to "end-user certification/end-use monitoring"

-- the U.S. looks forward to sending an expert from Washington to participate as panelist for one of the working sessions

The U.S. opposes any effort to turn the OSCE Document into an OSCE-wide standard or treaty. Therefore, USDEL should draw from the following talking point in registering U.S. expectations for the September review meeting:

The U.S. looks forward to a fruitful discussion in September.

Our expectations for this review are founded on the fact that the OSCE Document on SA/LW is meant to be a guideline. We urge, therefore, that moderators and panelists keep in mind that the Document consists of guidelines and best practices to inform national legislation and procedures. Keeping in mind this understanding, we believe, will help panelists/moderators conduct productive discussions that focus on practical steps that can be taken to make a real difference in conflict prevention and stabilization.

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